MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, March 06, 2007
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The University of Wisconsin River-Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by President Eggers at 7:00pm in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

II. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**: Joe Eggers, Derek Brandt, Dan Scott, Adam Koski, Ashley Olson, Jennifer Biss, Kat Krtnick, Avery Newman, Ali Nsabimana, Jason Schultz, Craig Witte, Tory Schaaf, Michelle Stiles, Dustin Pfundheller, Darryl Rhyme, Lindsay Exworthy, Jim Vierling, Natalie Hagberg.

III. **INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:** Tabb Benzinger & Scott D Bolstad - ROTC Members, Kimberly Wortman, Jason Miller, Dan Church, Chistopher Weber, Kristen Hendrickson, Tristan Lucey, Brandon Barelny, Jordan Chabalowski, Eric Bohn, Nicholas Carol, David Grimstad, Ben Lunkett, Brett Henen

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Passed

V. **GUEST SPEAKER:**

VI. **OPEN FORUM:** Jordan Chabalowski

- Spoke about issues regarding Silica Mine and raising awareness and trying to gather state wide support for lobbying effort
- Mining is a pollutant that will benefit only a few

VII. **SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:**

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Vacent

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Dan Scott

- Food transfer options and teacher evaluations were areas of concern on survey.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR – Jenifer Biss

- Looking into collective bargaining for teachers
- Searching for attorneys that are willing to come to campus to help students

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski

- Looking into option of funding part of Vagina Monologues

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR – Ashley Olson

- Trying to incorporate diversity awareness banquet into day of unity

6. WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR – Lindsay Exworthy

- Vagina Monologues are at 7pm on Wednesday and Thursday
- Women's Initiative Committee will meet on Monday at 4:30pm after break

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Vacant

8. VICE PRESIDENT- Derek Brandt

- Hours are due before spring Break
- Keep office Clean and picked up
- All senators are responsible for their duties and demerit points will be issues for all that don't comply.

9. PRESIDENT- Joe Eggers

- Meet with the chancellor last week
- Students will get no money for the student paid building on campus
- Discussed issues of weather in regards to confusion and policy for future
- Ordered new mouse pads and carpets with Derek for our office
- Chancellor will be giving us a pizza party soon

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Natalie Hagberg

- Will have a tentative budget that will be finalized on Wednesday
- Budget motion will be on the agenda for the 20th
- Traveling funding will only be funded up to 50%
- 1st year organizations will only have 1500 dollars for their annual budgets
- Film series still going strong

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Jim Vierling

- Recreation committee is looking into the back path lighting issue
- Screensavers are being created for the Student Senate office
- F&F budget up for vote tonight

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS0607037

Whereas, affordable tuition meaning an increase ranging from 1.5% to 3%, increased financial aid, and lower student loan interest rates all contribute to increased accessibility to higher education.

Be it resolved that Student Senate advocate these interests in their lobbing efforts regarding the 2007-2009 Wisconsin state budget.

Moved by: Director Biss
Seconded by: Vice President Brandt
Approved by the Legislative Affairs Committee

Motion Passed

Motion to amend the agenda by advancing directly to SS0607042
Moved by Pfundheller
Seconded by Rhyme

Motion to amend the agenda PASSED

SS0607038

Whereas the 2006-2007 Facilities & Fees Board has approved the following increases,

		Proposed		2/19/2007
Segregated Fees:	2006-07	2007-08	$ Increase	% Increase
University Centers - 891000	$365.00	$395.00	**$30.00**	8.22%
Leadership Center - 861000	$44.95	$46.70	**$1.75**	3.89%
Clinical Services - 037662	$80.93	$101.16	**$20.23**	25.00%
Municipal Services - 821057	$32.00	$27.00	**-$5.00**	-15.63%

Textbook Services - 931000	$123.30	$133.30	**$10.00**	8.11%
Residential Living:				
Double	$2,716.00	$2,974.00	**$258.00**	9.50%
Single	$3,416.00	$3,960.00	**$544.00**	15.93%
South Fork Suites	$3,616.00	$3,960.00	**$344.00**	9.51%
Dining Services:				
Upper option	$1,150.00	$1,150.00	**$0.00**	
Take Five Meal Plan	$1,664.00	$1,890.00	**$226.00**	13.58%
10 Meal Plan	$1,800.00	$1,940.00	**$140.00**	7.78%
Flex 10 Meal Plan	$2,100.00	$2,250.00	**$150.00**	7.14%
14 Meal Plan	$1,870.00	$1,950.00	**$80.00**	4.28%
Flex 14 Meal Plan	$2,200.00	$2,270.00	**$70.00**	3.18%
19 Meal Plan	$1,930.00	$1,990.00	**$60.00**	3.11%
Flex 19 Meal Plan	$2,300.00	$2,360.00	**$60.00**	2.61%

Be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate approve the previously stated student fee increases.

Motion by Facilities & Fees Board Chair Vierling
Seconded by Kathryn Krtnick
Approved by the Facilities & Fees Board

Friendly Amendment to strike Residential Living clause.
Moved by Pfundheller
Rejected

Hostile amendment to strike Residential Living clause.
Moved by Pfundheller
No Second

Question was called by Vice President Brandt
Seconded by Director Biss
Failed

Motion to the table until Residential Living could reevaluate the motion.
Motioned by Pfundheller
Seconded by Rhyme
Failed

Question called to table the motion
Called by Witte
Seconded by Vice President Brandt
Passed

Vote on SS0607038
By a vote of 9-7 the Motion Passed

Motion for 5 minute recess
Moved by Board Chair Hagberg
Seconded by Director Olson

Motion Passed

SS0607041

Whereas, there are several initiatives and services that Student Senate has supported over the years, and

Whereas, traditionally these initiatives would be funded through the state, and

Whereas, the state has been unable to fund these initiatives, forcing student to pay for them, and

Whereas, these initiatives will increase student satisfaction with UW-River Falls,
Therefore be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate approve funding of the following initiatives:

- Library Resources –
    - With funding, the library will add 15 additional hours a week and will also expand hours during J-Term. Proposed hours would be:
      Sunday Noon to 1:00 am
      Mon – Thurs. 7:45 to 1:00 am
      Friday 7:45am to 7:00 pm
      Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
    - Purchase additional online journals and reference sources, which will provide 24/7 access to key resources that all students can use anytime, anywhere. Additional sources include; converting print journals to electronic, additional JSTOR modules, New York Times archive, additional online databases, additional online reference sources, and additional document delivery.
    - **Fund additional hours for a minimum of one computer lab to remain open during all hours of the library is open.**
      Friendly Amendment by Vice President Brandt
- Hagestad Remodeling – funding will provide remodeling in the former Hagestad Student Center to create a true one-stop shop for student services. Once completed, student support operations such as enrollment services, testing services, advising, counseling, and career services can be moved into the building. Students will no longer need to walk around campus trying to find these necessary services; they will all be in one building. This will provide the physical space for a number of the Transition-related services.
- Testing Services – Funding will provide a centralized, dedicated space for testing. Services will include test proctoring, diagnostic testing for students who might have learning disabilities, tutoring services, **and services for ESL student**. (**Friendly amendment by Director Olson)** Funding will also provide for the addition of an individual qualified in giving and interpreting measures designed to identify academic difficulties (e.g., learning disabilities) and psychological problems (e.g, depression). This will also provide an area for students to take the GRE, GMAT, and other pre-professional exams.
- Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (RSCA) – Funding will provide additional RSCA opportunities for students and additional resources for student travel to conferences. This experience is a wonderful opportunity for students to work closely with faculty and gain critical RSCA and presentation skills, not only for those students who seek graduate degrees but also for students who seek a career after their Bachelor's degree. RSCA applies to students in any field doing extra projects or work beyond their standard classes.

Be it further resolved, the Student Association Student Senate supports this initiatives on the basis that any final changes in the tuition be approved by the Senate at that time, and

Be it further resolved, Student Senate strongly recommends a committee be formed with representation from students, faculty and staff to advise Senate on any changes to the tuition proposal and this committee will fall under Facilities and Fees, and

Be it further resolved, all proposals will have a four year sunset review, with the exception of the Hagestad remodeling proposal, and will have a five year review process after, and

Be it further resolved, there be a $**115 dollar fee cap per year (friendly amendment by Brandt)** until the first four year review,

Be it resolved that the final budget numbers would require the approval of Student Senate if the numbers are available by the end of the 2006-2007 academic year.
Hostile amendment moved by Olson
Seconded by Hagberg
Passed

Be it finally resolved, a copy of this motion be sent to Chancellor Don Betz, Vice Chancellor Mary Halada, UW System President Kevin Reilly, and members of the Board of Regents.

Moved by Vice President Brandt
Seconded by President Eggers

Hostile amendment to remove Hagestad Remodeling and Testing Service provisions from the motion.
Moved by Director Koski
Seconded by Pfundheller

Friendly amendment by Koski to vote on each part separate.

Vote on Hagestad Remodeling
Call for hand vote by Hagaberg
7-9 **Failed**

Vote on Testing Center
Failed

Vote on SS0607041
Motion Passed

X. NEW BUSINESS:

SS0607042

Whereas, there is an interest on campus for the addition of a Military Science Department as well as a campus ROTC program, demonstrated by the students already involved in ROTC through Stout.

Whereas, having to commute is an inconvenience for these students.

And whereas, the program would bring increased funding, diversity, and opportunity to the UW-RF campus.

Be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate approve the addition of a Military Science Department and ROTC to the UW-RF campus.

***Be it finally resolved that Lieutenant Coronal Bolstad bring a recommended course list before Student Association Student Senate upon its completion.**
***Friendly Amendment by Pfundheller**
Moved by Director Biss
Seconded by Senator Rhyme
Approved by the Legislative Affairs Committee

Motion Passed

SS0607043
Whereas the Shared Governance Committee and the Ethics Committee require directors, and

Whereas, Tory Schaaf and Jason Schultz respectively are well qualified to fill these vacant positions,

Therefore be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate appoint Tory Schaaf as Shared Governance Director and Jason Schultz as Chairmen of the Ethic Committee for the remainder of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Motioned by Vice President Brandt
Seconded by President Eggers

Motion Passed

Introduction Only

SS0607044

Whereas the United Council is having the Building Unity Conference at UW Parkside on March 30-April 1st, and

Whereas this conference benefits UWRF students, therefore

Be it resolved, the Diversity ~~Awareness~~ **Issues** (friendly amendment by Olson) Committee will sponsor the UWRF delegation to the conference, and

Be it further resolved, that up to $3,000 for lodging and transportation of the participants to the conference be allocated from the Shared Governance Account.

Motioned by Director Koski
Seconded by Vice President Brandt

XI. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**:
XII. ADJOURNMENT
The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Moved by: Pfundheller

Seconded by: Vierling

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center